

**Council on Postsecondary Education
Committee on Equal Opportunities
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Status: Statewide Diversity Planning and Support Programs

The following information focuses on diversity activities and initiatives since the Committee on Equal Opportunities met during a retreat June 16, 2012.

Governor's Minority Student College Preparation Program Statewide Conference

Planning is underway for the 13TH Annual GMSCPP Statewide Conference. The conference will be held June 2013 at a public postsecondary institution.

GMSCPP Academically Proficient High School Junior and Senior Diversity Conference

The 26TH Annual Academically Proficient High School Junior and Senior Diversity Conference will be hosted by Eastern Kentucky University, June 28-29, 2013, in Richmond, Kentucky. The partners for this conference are the Council on Postsecondary Education, the Kentucky Department of Education, and Eastern Kentucky University. Conference planning is underway.

Kentucky Department of Education Homeless Education Program Coordinators Training Meeting

Council staff delivered a presentation at the Kentucky Department of Education to coordinators of the Homeless Education Program, August 23, 2012, in downtown Frankfort. The coordinators learned about the Council's Strategic Agenda, the Statewide Diversity Policy and Institutional Diversity Plans, early preparation for postsecondary education, and several CPE supported pass-through programs. A KHEAA representative conducted a workshop in conjunction with Council staff. KHEAA and CPE work collaboratively to inform students, parents, coordinators, and high school administrators how to prepare for postsecondary education, as well as identify resources to finance their education.

Lumina Foundation Grant to Address Latino Student Success

The Lumina Foundation, in collaboration with Bluegrass Community and Technical College and the Council on Postsecondary Education, received official notification that Kentucky was one of 12 states awarded a grant to address Latino Student Success over the next four years. The announcement was made in Washington, D.C. at the United States Visitors Center, October 3, 2012, at the Celebración de Excelencia. The Kentucky Latino Education Alliance (K'LEA) partners are encouraged that the Lumina grant will assist Kentucky with increasing the number of Hispanic/Latino students who earn degrees and credentials. The partners in the grant include representatives from six major sectors (K-12, higher education, workforce, policy, community based organizations, and Latino serving organizations).

Council staff conducted a workshop at the Latino Multicultural College Fair at Transylvania University, Tuesday, October 16, 2012. The workshop focused on College and Career Readiness and Student Success: Learning to Thrive and Survive the Freshman Year. A second Latino Multicultural College Fair is scheduled for December 8, 2012, at the University of Louisville. Approximately 300 students are expected to attend each of the college fairs.

SREB Doctoral Scholars Program

The Council on Postsecondary Education, the University of Kentucky, and the University of Louisville reviewed applications and identified potential scholars to be awarded an SREB Doctoral Scholarship in fall 2012. A total of 12 scholars applied for the 2012 Doctoral Scholars' Program scholarship, three at the University of Louisville and nine at the University of Kentucky. As a result of state agency budget cuts, the Commonwealth was able to support only two of the 12 scholars that applied, compared to five scholars in previous years.

CPE, in partnership with UK and UofL, hosted a reception for the SREB Doctoral Scholars, Friday, October 12, 2012. Twenty-five students and administrators attended. CPE President Bob King and Dr. Rana Johnson provided opening comments for the students and administrators. UK and UofL administrators expressed appreciation to the Council for supporting the SREB Doctoral Scholars Program.

The 2012 SREB Doctoral Scholars Institute on Teaching and Mentoring, will take place October 25-28, 2012, in Tampa, Florida. Eight of the Kentucky public postsecondary institutions will also participate in the 2012 Institute on Teaching and Mentoring

Recruitment Fair. The recruitment fair will assist institutions with increasing the number of minority faculty members employed at Kentucky institutions.

As of October 2012, Kentucky has served 114 scholars, 34 students are currently matriculating (31 percent of these students are in the STEM-H areas). There are 68 graduates. Eight scholars have earned tenure. A total of 25 graduates are employed in Kentucky (15 are graduates of UK and UofL).

CPE Meeting Dates

The CPE meeting dates for 2013 are: February 8, April 17-18, June 19-20, Sept 26-27, and November 14-15.

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